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Chicago, Illinois

12-6-62

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EUGENII EVTUSHENKO  
[REDACTED]

On November 27, 1962, a source advised that [REDACTED] Cross World Books and Periodicals (CWBP), 333 South Wacker, advised that Eugenie Evtushenko, a Soviet National, who was a poet, is to visit the United States near the end of December, 1962. Source further advised that Evtushenko was invited to give his recitation of poems to be held at the Studebaker Theater, 410 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, who is being sponsored by the CWBP.

A characterization of the CWBP, including a characterization of [REDACTED] appears as the last page of this memorandum.

Above source related that Evtushenko is a prominent Soviet poet, approximately 30 years of age and is known for poems he had written concerning "Barbigar", a region near Kiev, USSR, where the Nazis had killed thousands of Semitic men, women and children. Source related that Evtushenko is considered a "Soviet patriot".

Evtushenko, according to source, has travelled previously to the United States and England where he had given his recitation of poems.

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APPENDIX

CROSS WORLD BOOKS AND PERIODICALS, INCORPORATED, Also known as Midwest Book House, Midwest Book Store

Records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section (FARS), Justice Department, Washington, D.C., reflect statements were filed [redacted] for the Cross World Books and Periodicals (CWBP) as agent for Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga (MK) (International Book), Moscow, USSR, from May, 1959, until [redacted] in October, 1960. The address of the CWBP was given as 333 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, and the purpose of the business was given as importing Russian books and periodicals for profit. b6 b7C

In January, 1961, a source advised the CWBP would be the propaganda center [redacted] was unable to establish and would become a reality through new owners. b6 b7C

A second source in May, 1944, advised that [redacted] was then a member of the Rogers Park Professional Branch, Communist Party (CP), Chicago. b6 b7C

The new CWBP group, with [redacted] and others, filed registration statement number 1457 on June 19, 1961, with the FARS as agent for foreign principal MK to distribute and sell "Russian language books, recordings, periodicals, film strip, and visual aid..." and act as subscription agents for Soviet periodicals and newspapers. The CWBP was incorporated in Illinois on January 3, 1961. A six month supplemental statement was filed by the same group with the FARS in February, 1962. b6 b7C

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On December 21, 1953, a third source said [redacted] was in the CP for a short period in the mid 1940s and was suspected by the CP as being disloyal as of December 21, 1953. Source knew nothing else concerning him or his recent activities. b6 b7C

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Reference   Letterhead memorandum  
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*One copy of a leaflet  
captioned "Ask YEVTUSHENKO  
Why He Is Traveling to NYC  
etc." issued by the Committee  
for the Defense of Soviet Political  
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ASK YEVTUSHENKO WHY HE IS TRAVELING TO NYC,  
MASQUERADING AS AN ANTI-STALINIST,  
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HIS SPONSORS, TODAY'S STALINISTS,  
ARE ARRESTING AND SENTENCING PEOPLE FOR THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS

At the end of 1971, several hundred Czechoslovakians were arrested on the orders of the KGB, the Soviet Government's Secret Police, for printing and distributing leaflets denouncing the Soviet Union's puppet, Husak, and his government.

On January 5, 1972, V. Bukovsky, a 29-year old Russian prose writer, who has already spent six years in prison for his anti-Stalinist views, was sentenced to seven years of imprisonment for criticizing the Soviet Government's use of psychiatric hospitals for political prisoners.

On January 13, 1972, 11 Ukrainians, among them the previously arrested dissidents V. Chornovil and I. Svitlichny, were arrested in Kiev and Lviv by the KGB for defending their people's right to self-determination, including independence.

ASK YEVTUSHENKO WHY HE REMAINS SILENT  
ABOUT SOVIET POLITICAL PRISONERS  
WHO ARE DYING BECAUSE OF INHUMAN CONDITIONS IN THE PRISONS

At the present moment, Silva Zalmanson, age 27, is dying in a Soviet prison camp due to neglect by the prison authorities. Her crime was attempting to leave the Soviet Union for Israel. For this she was sentenced in 1970 to ten years imprisonment.

UNLIKE SOLZHENITSYN YEVTUSHENKO IS A POET OF  
TODAY'S STALINIST ESTABLISHMENT

On January 15, 1972 Pravda printed Yevtushenko's poems on Vietnam. In them, he concerns himself with the inhuman American involvement in Vietnam. But his poems ignore the inhumanity of the present Soviet government. Yevtushenko is a hypocrite. While many Americans have taken a stand against the present inhuman policies of the American government, Yevtushenko refuses to do the same regarding his government's inhumanity. He is a wishy-washy liberal who does not take a stand on Soviet political prisoners because he is too concerned with his own petty bourgeois need to live well, travel and recite poetry.

WE CALL UPON THOSE WHO MEET YEVTUSHENKO TO CONFRONT HIM  
ON HIS SILENCE REGARDING THE INHUMANITY OF TODAY'S STALINISTS

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